

RACE TO THE TOP BUDGET GUIDANCE

States are encouraged to develop budgets that match the needs they have outlined in their applications.

To support States in planning their budgets, the Department has developed nonbinding budget ranges for each State; these are listed below. These ranges may be used as rough blueprints to guide States as they think through their budgets, but States may prepare budgets that are above or below the ranges specified. The categories were developed by ranking every State according to its share of the national population of children ages 5 through 17, and identifying the natural breaks. Then, based on population, overlapping budget ranges were developed for each category.

Category 1 – \$350-700 million	California, Texas, New York, Florida
Category 2 – \$200-400 million	Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey
Category 3 – \$150-250 million	Virginia, Arizona, Indiana, Washington, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Missouri, Maryland, Wisconsin
Category 4 – \$60-175 million	Minnesota, Colorado, Alabama, Louisiana, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Oregon, Connecticut, Utah, Mississippi, Iowa, Arkansas, Kansas, Nevada
Category 5 – \$20-75 million	New Mexico, Nebraska, Idaho, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Maine, Hawaii, Rhode Island, Montana, Delaware, South Dakota, Alaska, North Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming, District of Columbia